

Three Wishes Personal Essay

Name: _____

Learning Goal: By the end of this process, I will be able to write a 4 paragraph personal essay.

Why Should I? I will write another one as part of my course summative and I will need to write one on the Grade 10 Literacy Test.

How do I Know if I Am Doing It Right (Success Criteria)? I will (check off when the step is completed)

- participate in the brainstorming with the class
- use the provided organizer and show it to my teacher when I am finished
- Word Process the document and use the editing tools available in Word
- I will achieve a Level Three in every category in the provided rubric

Step One:

Brainstorming

Imagine this scenario: You have been granted 4 wishes. List them. State how you would use them for yourself and to help other people.

Ex: Wish: Unlimited money Myself: Buy a new car Others: Start a school in a poor country

1. Wish: _____ Myself: _____ Others: _____

2. Wish: _____ Myself: _____ Others: _____

3. Wish: _____ Myself: _____ Others: _____

4. Wish: _____ Myself: _____ Others: _____

Circle your two BEST ones.

OUTLINE:

Paragraph #1 (Introduction)—Fill in the blanks

1. Tell me the **topic**.

After reading different versions of the "Three Wishes" story I can see that people need to choose their wishes _____ so that the wishes do not _____ them. Of the many wishes I have in my life, two stand out the most. The first wish is _____ and the second wish is _____.

2. Tell me the **thesis**.

If I could have these two wishes I would choose them wisely so that they help both the rest of the world and me.

Body Paragraph #1

My first wish would be _____.

An example of how I would use this wish selfishly for my own benefit is _____

_____.

Using my wish this way would be beneficial because _____

_____.

Next, an example of how I would use this wish to do good for the world is _____

_____.

Using my wish this way would be beneficial because _____

_____.

Clearly, my wish of _____ would be helpful to both myself and the world in general.

Body Paragraph #2

My second wish would be _____.

An example of how I would use this wish selfishly for my own benefit is _____

_____.

Using my wish this way would be beneficial because _____

_____.

Secondly, an example of how I would use this wish to do good for the world is _____

Using my wish this way would be beneficial because _____

Clearly, my wish of _____ would be helpful to both myself and the world in general.

Conclusion

Restate your two wishes thesis (use different words)

In conclusion, if I could have these two wishes I would choose them carefully so that they would benefit more people than just myself.

Leave your reader with a final thought about the topic of your essay.

It is important to have wishes to help yourself and other people because _____

Some Reminders:

- You need a title. It should be creative and introduce the idea of wishes. It should not be: Three Wishes Essay
- You can add more transition words or substitute some of your own
- Use different words throughout the essay – try not to repeat the same phrases over and over
- Ask for help with spelling and grammar

Once your outline is filled in, make sure your teacher checks it.

Sample Body Paragraph

Wish #1:

My first wish would be having an unlimited source of money. An example of how I would use this wish selfishly for my own benefit is I would throw a fantastic party complete with a personal piñata for every person. That way, everyone would be guaranteed to be the person who releases the candy. There would be a sundae bar and a pizza bar and a nacho bar and a chocolate fountain. Using my wish this way would be beneficial because it would be a great deal of fun for my friends and I. It would let us spend time together and do things we do not usually get the chance to do. Next, an example of how I would use this wish to do good for the world is I would spend as much money as it took to cure cancer because at least four of my close relatives have died of this terrible disease. I would get the best medical centres in the world to make it their research priority. Using my wish this way would be beneficial because it would cure one of the most terrible diseases of all time. It would also stop the suffering of many patients and reduce the number of people who had to grieve because they lost someone they loved. Clearly, my wish of having unlimited money would be helpful to both myself and the world in general.